

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 20-22 and 24-33 have been examined and rejected. Claims 15-19 and 23 have been withdrawn from consideration. Independent claims 1, 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. New claims 34-42 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-42 are pending.

In the Final rejection, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 20 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wright et al. (US 6,674,924). In addition, claims 2, 3, 5-9, 11, 14, 21, 22 and 25-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Melen (US 6,426,806). Also, claims 4, 10, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Melen and some combinations of other references.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended as follows:

A system for routing a document to a desired location comprising:

means for extracting data from the document to be routed, the extracted data comprises content of the document and type of the document, the content of the document comprises one or more field names and associated data values representing information from the document, and the type of document comprises a predefined form associated with the document; and

means for routing the content of the document and the document to the desired location depending on the type of the document. (Emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is not disclosed by the Wright reference for at least the following reasons.

In the present invention, in one embodiment, the system extracts data comprising content of a document and type

of the document. The content of the document includes one or more field names and associated data values representing information from the document. The type of document includes a predefined form associated with the document. For example, in one embodiment, the type of document may include, but is not limited to, a mortgage application. (See paragraph [0035] of the present application.) For example, the predefined form can be a mortgage application form. The system scans the document against the predefined form associated with the document and extracts the content of the document such as field names and their associated values.

Thus, the system can extract content from the mortgage document such as a "name" field and a name value "John" representing the name of the person. As the application states "[t]he OCR engines scan each image against a predefined form, or template, and produce a comma separated value (csv) file representing the field names and associated values corresponding to the content of the submitted TIFF or PDF image. In essence, a file of name/value pairs representing the information on the form is produced (e.g., First Name=John, Last Name=Smith, Age=32)." (See paragraph [0037] and also paragraph [0038] of the present application.)

Moreover, the system routes the content of the document and the document. For example, the document may be routed to an archive and/or to another location, such as branch offices or departmental sites for additional services. Further, the content of the document, including text and image data, may be routed to a certain destination, or to multiple destinations. (See paragraph [0044] of the present application.)

Furthermore, the system routes the content of the document and document based on the type of document. For example, routing may be derived from the type of document, such as if the document is a purchase order as opposed to a mortgage

application. (See paragraphs [0044-0045] of the present application.)

It is respectfully submitted that the system of amended claim 1 is not disclosed by the Wright reference for at least the following reasons.

Wright does not disclose a system that extracts content of a document and type of the document, wherein "the content of the document comprise one or more field names and associated data values representing information from the document" and "the type of document comprising a predefined form associated with the document, as recited in amended claim 1 of the present invention. Instead, in Wright, an identifier is affixed to the document and then extracted when the document is scanned. Nothing more than an identifier is extracted from the document. In other words, Wright does not extract "content of the document comprising one or more field names and associated data values representing information from the document" and "the type of document comprising a predefined form associated with the document" as in amended claim 1. Thus, Wright does not disclose these features of amended claim 1 for at least these reasons.

Moreover, Wright does not route both the content of the document and the document as in amended claim 1 of the present invention.

Therefore, Wright fails to disclose amended claim 1 of the present invention for at least these reasons. Moreover, the other cited references fail to disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Independent claims 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26 have been amended in a similar manner as claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26 should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 above. Moreover, the remaining claims depend from

one or more of the independent claims and should be allowable for at least this reason.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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